

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0031402-08-0

Permittee: WI DELLS-LAKE DELTON SEWERAGE COMMISSION, P O Box 87, Lake Delton, WI, 53940

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: WI Dells Lk Delton Sewerage Commission WWTF, 8 SOUTH BOWMAN ROAD, WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water and Location: Wisconsin River, East bank of Wisconsin River, 100 feet from shoreline, 1 mile downstream of Kilbourn Dam.

Brief Facility Description: The Wisconsin Dells – Lake Delton Sewerage Commission owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility that treats the wastewaters generated by in the communities of the City of Wisconsin Dells and the Village of Lake Delton. Wastewater is pumped to the wastewater treatment facility through separate force mains from each community. It is metered, sampled and reported separately. Discharge is significantly higher during the summer months due to seasonal tourists. Treatment consists of a screening/grit chamber which removes debris and gravel from the untreated wastewater (influent). The influent then enters aeration tanks where it is aerated, mixed, or bypassed depending on the treatment needed and is followed by treatment in an aerated oxidation ditch. After the oxidation ditch, chemical (alum) additions are made to remove phosphorus. The treated wastewater (effluent) is sent to one of four final clarifiers where remaining solids are settled out and passed through ultraviolet disinfection (May through September) prior to discharge to the Wisconsin River.

Summary of Proposed Changes: The Geometric Mean Weekly average of 656 #/100 mL for Fecal Coliform has been removed from the permit. Fecal coliform monitoring and limits have been replaced with *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) monitoring and limits. *E. coli* monitoring is required at the permit effective date. An interim fecal coliform limit of 400 #/100 ml as a monthly geometric mean will apply from the permit effective date through the end of a compliance schedule. At the end of the compliance schedule, *E. coli* limits of 126 #/100 ml as a monthly geometric mean that may never be exceeded and 410 #/100 ml as a daily maximum that may not be exceeded more than 10 percent of the time in any calendar month will apply.

The Total Recoverable Mercury limit of 6.6 ng/L has been removed and Mercury is only to be monitored during this permit term. The Wisconsin River TMDL limit of 17 lbs/day as a monthly average and associated monitoring requirements have been added to the permit. Zinc monitoring during calendar year 2026 has been added.

New timeframe for monitoring PCBs is now calendar year 2024.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sean Spencer, DNR, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 275-7775, Sean.Spencer@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained

by calling the permit drafter at (608) 275-7775 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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